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**NO. 480**  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**November 2, 2006**

**MINUTES**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Yvonne Burke, Supervisor, County of Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Hon. Yvonne B. Burke, President, Los Angeles County	
Hon. Gary Ovitt, 1st Vice President, San Bernardino County	
Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	District 13
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme, Immediate Past President	District 45
Hon. Chris Norby, Orange County	
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	District 8
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Hon. Paul Glabb, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Marilyn Poe, Los Alamitos	District 20
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35

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Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena	District 36
Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. Lou Correa, Orange County	OCTA
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC

### **Members Not Present**

Hon. Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Hon. Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside County	
Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach	District 14
Hon. Richard Chavez, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. John Beaman, Brea	District 22
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Hon. Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Todd Campbell, Burbank	District 42
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Hon. Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Hon. Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Hon. Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Los Angeles	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Hon. Jose Huizar, Jr., Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles	At-Large

**Staff Present**

Mark Pisano, Executive Director  
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director  
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer  
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy  
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel  
Colin Lennard, General Counsel  
Lisa Taylor, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Supervisor Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item 3.1.5 was pulled for discussion. MOTION was made (Ovitt) to approve the remaining consent calendar items. Motion was SECONDED (Dixon) and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

**3.1 Approval Items**

**3.1.1 Minutes of October 5, 2006 Meeting**

There was one abstention. However President Burke stated that an abstention would be recorded for members not attending the October meeting. There were no objections.

**3.1.2 Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Applications**

**3.1.3 Resolution #06-480-1 Application for Blueprint Planning Grant Funds**

**3.1.4 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding the Large Urbanized Area Grant Funds**

**3.1.6 Contracts over \$250,000**

### 3.2 **Receive & File**

#### 3.2.1 Contracts/Purchase Orders and MOUs between \$5,000 - \$250,000

#### 3.2.2 2007 Meeting Calendar for the Administration and Policy Committees and Regional Council

The item was presented under the President's Report.

#### 3.2.3 CFO Monthly Financial Report for August/ September 2006

### **Item Pulled**

#### 3.1.5 Funding Support for the California Regional Progress Report

Councilmember Lantz expressed concerns as to why SCAG pays a larger share of costs for consultants selected by Caltrans. She questioned the imbalance in the funding as well as the rationale for SCAG having to accept an entity without any kind of bidding process.

Councilmember Young stated that Caltrans is the lead agency in assembling and securing participation from all of the MPOs within the state.

MOTION was made (Baldwin) to approve funding support for the California Regional Progress Report. Motion was SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

## 4.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### 4.1 Informational Hearing to Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

President Burke stated that she presented testimony to the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on behalf of SCAG. She stated that Senator Lowenthal was very supportive and agreed to carry legislation on behalf of SCAG regarding RHNA efforts.

### 4.2 Appointments

Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin, was appointed as chair of the MAGLEV Task Force; Hon. Alan Wapner, representing SANBAG, was appointed to the Administration Committee; and Hon Sidney Tyler, representing SGVCOG, was appointed to the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee.

#### 4.3 Announcements

President Burke announced that the District Evaluation Committee, composed of the Administration Committee, would reconvene during the February/March 2007 timeframe. Councilmember Pettis serves as chair of the District Evaluation Committee

President Burke presented service awards to outgoing Regional Council members. Councilmember Marilynn Poe, Los Alamitos, and Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra, were acknowledged for their participation and service on the Regional Council.

#### 4.4 2007 Meeting Calendar for the Administration and Policy Committees and Regional Council

President Burke announced that the League of California Cities' Annual meeting conflicts with SCAG's September 6, 2007 meeting date. Several members expressed concerns regarding changing meeting dates. Councilmember Brown stated that members usually schedule their meetings one year in advance to include SCAG meeting. Therefore changing meeting dates to accommodate every meeting is not appropriate.

However after discussions, a MOTION was made (Baldwin) to amend the 2007 meeting schedule to reflect changing the September 6, 2007 meeting date to September 13, 2007. Motion was SECONDED (Gafin). There were 4 NOES. The motion PASSED.

### 5.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Pisano announced that a SCAG staff retreat will be held on November 7, 2006. He stated that the purpose of the retreat is to focus on the implementation of the continuous improvement program, training and overall decentralization of budget and decision making within the organization.

He also reported on his participation at the Orange County Strategic Focus Stakeholder's interviews. Mr. Pisano stated that viewpoints that were expressed would assist Orange County in their strategic planning efforts.

In October, Mr. Pisano attended a conference sponsored by the California Foundation for the Economy and the Environment on Water. A representative from the Governor's office, eighteen legislators, and all the water districts attended this conference.

He informed the council that this conference realized the need of the Integrated Water Management Planning activities to be integrated with the Blueprint planning efforts occurring within regions, and to establish policies. Another conclusion of the conference was the realization of the need to look to a different funding structure for water, and the need

to implement a program in which the beneficiaries of water quality are able to pay for their benefit.

Mr. Pisano reported that the Southern California Regional Airport Authority held their inaugural meeting on October 12.

He informed the council that SCAG has submitted their input to the air plan to the South Coast Air Quality District. That plan will be moving through its decision making process between now and April 2007 and a Policy Committee/Regional Council Meeting will be scheduled sometime during January or February 2007.

## **6.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Administration Committee Report**

#### **6.1.1 Draft Delegation Agreement re: RHNA**

Councilmember Young, Chair, reported that SCAG will undertake the RHNA for this cycle for all subregions which elected not to accept delegation. Because there is currently some interest in delegation, primarily from CVAG, staff sought direction as to the issues of funding and indemnification.

The Administration Committee recommended that funding be provided to each subregion who accepts delegation to undertake duties in the maximum amount of \$20,000, and that SCAG will indemnify the subregion accepting delegation provided the subregion complies with all of the delegation duties under the Agreement up to \$25,000 in order to limit SCAG's potential litigation costs.

MOTION was made (Young) to approve to recommendation. Motion was SECONDED (Washburn) and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning and Programming, stated the draft will be updated and forwarded to the subregions with a deadline to respond. Mayor Dixon directed staff to consider the meeting times of the subregions prior to setting deadlines.

### **6.2 Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report**

There was no report.

### **6.3 Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Report**

#### **6.3.1 RHNA Pilot Legislation**

The CEHD recommended that the Regional Council approve the legislative language and submit language to the author.

Mayor Dixon stated that he opposed the recommendation of the CEHD because the stakeholders' language was not available for review. President Burke gave a brief status report and background information for moving forward with introducing the legislation.

Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel, stated that the information presented to the Regional Council was based upon the legislative language suggested by the League with only minor modifications. She also stated that the CEHD recommended that the Regional Council authorize staff to proceed with getting the bill introduced. However staff was directed to bring the issue back in December for further discussion.

MOTION was made (Bowlen) to approve that staff proceed with introduction of the RHNA Pilot Legislation. Motion SECONDED (Young), with 2 NOES (Correa, Dixon). The motion PASSED.

#### 6.3.2 Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project Selection

In October 2006, the CEHD recommended ranking of the second round of Demonstration Project applications. The ranking is based on the evaluation criteria developed by CEHD in May 2005, with the condition that for project applications by non-member cities, the city must first join SCAG in order to receive applicable funding.

President Burke stated that a letter was received from the City of Santa Ana wherein it was asserted that their projects should be included in the demonstration program because it's funded through state and federal funding sources even though they are not members of SCAG.

MOTION was made (Bowlen) to approve the ranking of projects. MOTION was SECONDED (Young). There were 2 NOES (Correa, Dixon). The motion PASSED.

#### 6.4 Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report

There was no report.

#### 6.5 Communications & Membership Subcommittee Report

Plans are underway for the 2007 General Assembly and RC Retreat. The committee is recommending that these two important activities be combined into a two-day event to be held in the spring. Subcommittee members are Glen Becerra, Gene Daniels, Harry Baldwin, Debbie Cook, Bonnie Flickinger, Lee Ann Garcia, Toni Young.

Each of SCAG's three policy committees has the opportunity to bestow a Regional Champion Award on someone representing or contributing service to the region in

that committee's area of focus. Candidates for Regional Champions should be civilians who go above and beyond to do the right thing. Candidates should not be elected officials or public servants who are performing their regular jobs. The subcommittee will present an award recognizing service to the region in the area of communications and media. More information regarding the Regional Champion nominations will be coming soon.

## **6.6 Southwest Compact Task Force Report**

### **6.6.1 Report on 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bi-National Hearing**

Councilmember Edney, Chair, gave a presentation on the Bi-National Hearing held in Yuma Arizona. He stated that the hearing was well attended. Councilmember Edney stated that the next steps of the task force are to seek partnership with San Diego Associated Governments (SANDAG) and others. Councilmember Edney acknowledged and thanked SCAG staff for their help and assistance in making this a successful event.

## **7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Highlights of the Upcoming 2006 State of the Region**

This item will be presented at the December 14, 2006 meeting.

### **7.2 Executive Director's Performance Agreement July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007**

The item will brought back at the December 14, 2006 meeting.

## **8.0 CLOSED SESSION**

### **8.1 Ratification of Executive Committee Report on Performance Evaluation of the Executive Director Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1)**

Colin Lennard, General Council, stated that pursuant §54957(b)(1) the Regional Council will go into closed session.

MOTION was made (Young) to go into closed session. Motion was SECONDED (Bowlen) and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

Back in open session it was stated that there was nothing to report out of the closed session.

## **9.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **9.1 Salary and Compensation of Executive Director**

There was nothing to report at this time.



**10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

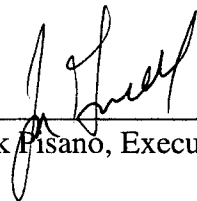
There were no items presented.

**11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2006 at SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles.



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Mark Pisano, Executive Director